

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March -	6.30pm	Kevin O'Donnell's Intentions
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March –	9.00am	Pam Zammit (R.I.P)
	11.00am	In Thanksgiving Tomy & Family
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Fiera	9.00am	Roy Francis (R.I.P)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – Fiera	10.00am	Thomas Megoran (R.I.P)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March - Fiera	9.00am	Pam Zammit (R.I.P)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>The Annunciation of The Lord</b>	9.00am	Bernie Fennessy Birthday Int
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March -	9.00am	Amanda Callahan Int
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March - Fiera	9.00am	Members of the O'Donnell Family Int

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord (Year B)**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March -	6.30pm	Jimmy Kennedy (R.I.P)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March –	9.00am	Sarah Spadafora
	11.00am	Francesca Pittiglio (R.I.P)

**Congratulations**

The Catholic faith was brought to the Philippine in 1521. We congratulate this nation on their 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity. We thank God for the Filipino members of our parish community who by their smile and Joy keep the faith alive amongst us.

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
 (Langdale Gardens)

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**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Dear Friends,

In the first reading Jerimiah offers us a message of hope 'deep within you I will plant my law writing it on your hearts, learn to know the Lord'. As we live in this difficult time of the pandemic, there is a lot of uncertainty and vulnerability around us. We are discovering that our community is forged not through positions of prestige, privilege and prominence but through weakness and sensitivity to people's needs. We may seem to have lost a lot, in the midst of this loss it is difficult to imagine what good can immerge from this pain. Sometimes the difficulties and the pain can reduce us to silence. The first Christian community needed time to make sense of the death of Jesus; they needed help to see that their immense loss was more than a terrible accident. Likewise, we too need time and help to navigate the impact of the pandemic, and what the eventual cost will be on our lives, our jobs and confidence and our wellbeing, but we live in hope that good will come and that God's love will triumph over all adversity.

Through faith, we are called to die to self in order to share in his life and destiny. To die to self is a necessary precondition to be truly alive, alive to God and to others in an attitude of service and love. We are not alone the power of Christ's life is at work within us. May the coming feast of the Paschal Mystery which we are about to celebrate, may deepen our faith and renew our efforts to live in Christ in accordance with his spirit.

**Prayer**

O God, may the contemplation of your Passion and death so affect the core of our minds and hearts that all our desires, decisions and actions may be directed to your Kingdom of justice, peace and truth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*God Bless and Keep Safe,  
 Father Maurice*

**Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Paul & Ava Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Michael Dear, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Dennis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Anthony Doherty, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Father Joe Farrell, Sheila Fry, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Kelly, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Jack Lawless, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles and Clara Yankey

**Repository**

Due to Tier 4 restrictions, we can offer a "phone and collect" or delivery service. Mother's Day 14<sup>th</sup> March, St Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> March, Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We have cards and gifts for all occasions, reed diffusers for mothers, St Patrick's Day pins, Crosses as well as Mass cards, candles, rosaries etc. Just ring Liz if there is anything in particular you need. **Liz Preston - 01708 525186**

**Donations and Gift Aid Form**

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

**Bank HSBC**

**Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans**

**Sort Code: 40-13-22**

**Account number: 31019848**

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

**Standing order Donations**

Could the following people who already make a standing order donation please come into the office or phone the presbytery, David Morris and JG & DC Kennelly. We have some paperwork we would like to discuss.

**Request**

Some Italian friends of Fr Michele Bonfitto of the Verona Fathers (who served as a priest in our parish) are trying to obtain a copy of the musical score of "Alba di Gloria", an oratorio he wrote which had its first London performance in St Alban's Church on 29th May 1960. Can anyone help at all? Please contact Deacon Ken if you have any ideas or suggestions.

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie Wilson who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am.

We extend our sympathy to all the families on the death of their loved ones.

***MAY SHE REST IN PEACE***

**Stand Up and Smile Campaign:**

Are requesting our prayers "Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally. Lord hear us"

**Please pray for all those taking part in the Sponsored Sleepout on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March people from all over the Diocese will be taking part in a sponsored sleepout to support the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and local homeless charities including Basildon Emergency Night Shelter, The NewWay Project, Caritas Anchor House, Southend Winter Night shelter and others.

We ask you to please pray for all those taking part including groups from Wanstead, Basildon, Romford, Lexden and Colchester, and if you are able to sponsor them, you can do this online at [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate)

If you would still like to be involved in this event or would like to know more, you can visit our website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**The Feast of the Annunciation – Prayer in Pregnancy**

Lord, within me there is a new spark of life.

With this new life you have given me the gift of motherhood.

You have chosen me to be the mother of this child.

Help me to say, like Mary: 'Be it done unto me'.

**Leaflets for Holy Week**

Please take a card for the information for Services during Holy Week

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross takes place every Friday morning after Mass

**Calais Light**

"Will we survive or drown?" Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in N France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in their Guided Meditation: "A minute on the Aegean Sea". **Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on their website: [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com) & please donate if you can. Thank you.**